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This is a Division of
Application 09/385,785, filed 08/30/1999

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR KNURLING A WORKPIECE, METHOD OF
MOLDING AN ARTICLE WITH SUCH WORKPIECE, AND SUCH MOLDED
ARTICLE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the cited application.

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 9, delete the sentence, "This is a divisional of Application No. 08/923,862, filed September 3, 1997."

On Page 1, line 9 insert the following paragraph:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/385,785, filed August 30, 1999, now pending, which is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 08/923,862, filed September 3, 1997, issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,946,991 on September 7, 1999.

A version marked up to show changes made to the specification relative to the previous version of the specification is attached.

Beginning on page 1, line 9, please amend the specification as shown below.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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Please cancel claims 1-36.

REMARKS

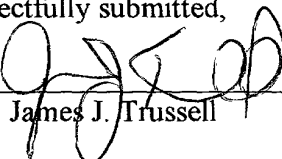
Claims 1-36 have been canceled. Claims 37-45 are pending.

Examination and consideration of the application as amended is requested.

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